

REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present Application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1 and 10 have been amended.

Claims 46-54 have been added to present claims of varying scope.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this Application. A detailed listing of claims that are, or were, in the Application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the Application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Claims 1-7, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 19-54 are now pending.

The Applicants believe that the present Application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the Application as amended is respectfully requested.

New Claims 46-54

New dependent Claims 46-54 have been added to present claims of varying scope. No new matter has been added.

New Claims 46, 47 and 52 depend from independent Claim 1. New Claims 48, 49 and 53 depend from independent Claim 7. New Claims 50, 51 and 54 depend from independent Claim 10.

Double Patenting

On page 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-7, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 19-45 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over the patented Claims of U.S. Patent No. 6, 186,355 to Luedecke. A terminal disclaimer signed by an attorney of record is provided to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-7, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 19-45 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting.

Co-pending U. S. Patent Applications

It is Applicant's understanding that the Examiner will review co-pending Application No. 10/196,627, which has been disclosed in an Information Disclosure Statement mailed on May 16, 2003. See M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b). A Notice of Allowance was issued in co-pending Application No. 10/196,627 on November 30, 2004.

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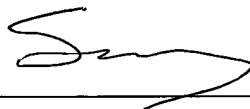
The Applicants respectfully submit that each and every outstanding objection and rejection has been overcome, and the present Application is in a condition for allowance. The Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of pending Claims 1-7, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 19-54.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this Application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to the Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, the Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extension fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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